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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

TREUSCH ET AL.

Examiner

Phillip Nguyen

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

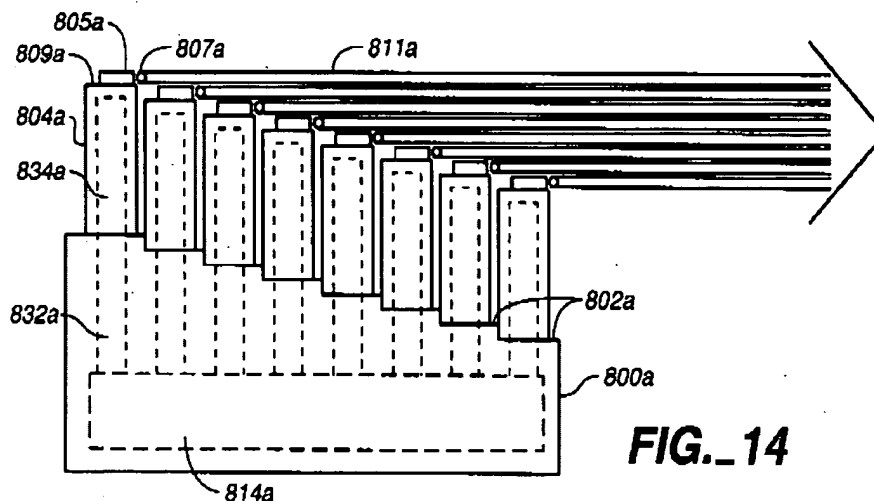
- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION*****Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.



Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lang et al. ('116).

With respect to claim 1, Lang discloses in Fig. 13-15 a manifold for supplying a stack of metallic, microchannel heat sinks 804a each mounting a laser diode bar 805a with coolant fluid, said heat sinks forming part of series-connected electrical path, comprising: an insulating body 800a having a plurality of offset parallel planes 809a for mounting a respective plurality of said microchannel heat sinks; said planes terminating coolant channels 834a in fluid communication

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with corresponding channels in said heat sinks; said coolant channels communicating with adjacent ones of said heat sinks being separated from each other by at least the width of one of said heat sinks to increase the electrical resistance of said fluid path between adjacent ones of said heat sinks.

With respect to claim 2, Lang discloses said parallel planes are minimally offset from each other so as to concentrate the optical power emitted by said laser diode bars (col. 9, lines 48-53).

With respect to claim 3, Lang discloses in Fig. 13-15 a series-connected stack of metallic, fluid-cooled microchannel heat sinks 804 each bearing a respective laser diode bar 805a for emitting optical power, an insulating body 800a having a plurality of horizontally offset parallel surfaces 802a for mounting a respective one of said heat sinks; said surfaces having coolant channels in fluid communication with corresponding channels in said heat sinks; said coolant channels communicating with adjacent ones of said heat sinks being separated from each other by at least the width of one of said heat sinks to increase the electrical resistance of said fluid path between adjacent ones of said heat sinks; and a plurality of optical reflective surfaces 807a for deflecting the optical power emitted by said laser bars into a plurality of vertically stacked beams.

With respect to claims 4-5, Lang discloses in Fig. 13-15 an assembly for providing a concentrated, vertically stacked array of laser beams from a horizontally offset array of electrically serially-connected metallic microchannel heat sinks 804a each bearing a laser diode bar 805a, comprising: a coolant channel 834a bearing manifold having horizontally offset planes 802a each mounting a respective one of said heat sinks; the coolant channels serving adjacent

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ones of said heat sinks being separated from one another to increase the electrical resistance of the fluid path between adjacent ones of said heat sinks; and a series of stepped optical deflectors 807a for re-arranging the laser beams emitted from the laser diode bars into vedical stack.

With respect to claim 6, Lang discloses the coolant is water.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Citation of Pertinent References***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The patent to Lang et al. discloses Laser Diode Array Assemblies with Optimized Brightness Conservation, U.S. Patent No. 6240116

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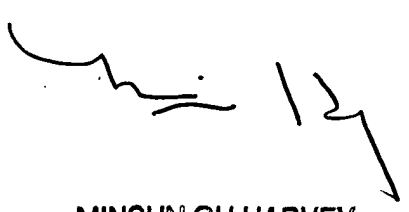
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1947. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MINSUN HARVEY, can be reached on 571-272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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